

CWS ORGANISES INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR 'GENDERED SITES, EVERYDAY LIVES'

The Centre for Women's Studies (CWS), Cotton University, in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Cotton University organised an International Webinar series titled 'Gendered Sites, Everyday Lives' from July 12 to 31, 2020.

The webinar was a four-part series, with stand-alone lectures, delivered by distinguished academicians from India and abroad. Adhering to the instruction of the MHRD, each lecture in the series delved into the broader questions of gender and the impact of COVID 19, thereby bringing out different perspectives on and pertaining to gender-based discrimination, violence, effect of pandemic on society at large and women in particular during the time of the coronavirus crisis.

The inaugural lecture of this series was delivered by Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri, Centre for Study of Social Systems, and former head Centres for Women's studies, JNU on July 12, 2020. Prof. Chaudhuri spoke on 'Gender and Society: A Covid 19 Perspective' wherein she shed light on the current scenario of COVID 19, the existing gender discriminations within the domestic space, and the increasing cases of domestic violence during this pandemic. The second lecture was delivered on July 17 by Prof. Rekha Pande, former head, (Contd. at page no. 4)



Prof. Geraldine Forbes



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Cotton's Building Blocks

Cotton University launches 40 crores infrastructure projects

With the start of various new courses and programs, the newer infrastructures have always been a greater demand in an institution. With this prospect Cotton University launches various development and infrastructure works from academic to administrative buildings, seminar halls to hostel facilities for students. One such mega project is the new 9 storied academic building being constructed behind the Dr Suryya Kumar Bhuyan Library at a cost of 19.64 crore. Construction works for two new boys hostel is also going on, one of which is being funded by the North Eastern Council (NEC). The NEC is also providing a funding of 5.59 crore for a Girls hostel; construction works of which is going on at Cotton Girls' Hostel campus at Dighalipukhuri east. A new academic block for Geology department is coming up beside the Computer Science department with funding from NEC. For better functioning of the administrative works, a separate administrative block is an urgent need for the university. Construction works for the new administrative building is also going on opposite to the Computer Science department with an estimated cost of 5.17 crore. Besides modernization and renovation of Kalaguru Bishnuprasad Rabha Auditorium is also being done and expected to be completed very soon. Construction of a new seminar hall at the first floor of MCB Building is near to completion, which would meet the necessity for the students and faculty members of the University to hold various academic and research programs. Construction works for a Student's Day Home for the university has already been completed and soon to be dedicated to the university student community. (More photographs appear in page no. 9)

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VICE CHANCELLOR SPEAKS



Prof Bhabesh Ch. Goswami, VC

The role of the various branches of Science & Humanities is to understand the inner force behind the life and life style of all the living creatures in the Universe. While continuing the search for this basic quest of knowledge, the human race started to understand each other and have developed a critical thinking in this regard. At the same time to make the world faster and comfortable life, the Science & Technology have developed exponentially in the last couple of decades. This has resulted a number interdisciplinary concept which led to the new subjects. For example the basic subjects like Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics & biology have now seen the emergence of Biochemistry, biophysics, Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, biotechnology, bioengineering, bioinformatics, nanotechnology environmental science, Molecular Biology, Statistics, Biostatistics etc. Similarly, the humanities from the subjects like Economics, Political Science, Education, History, Anthropology, Languages etc. we have the sequence of new subjects like Sociology, Social Work, Psychology, Archaeology, Natural History, Gender Studies, Peace & conflict, linguistics etc. Similarly, Geography, Geology have resulted the creation of interdisciplinary subjects like Geo informatics, GPS & GIS, etc. I am just mentioning a few amongst a dozens of such new sections of knowledge domain. Therefore for a clear understanding of the creation of human, animal & plant in the natural world, S & T have resorted the support from interdisciplinary angle and this has resulted a lot of understanding of the life in this universe and have helped to create the living artificially in addition to the electronic communication of part of the world to another remote place at the other corner of the world. Hence the interdisciplinary approach in solving any situation that the world is facing has become the right direction in most of the situations whether it is academic, business thinking or development. I, therefore, call upon all the academic peers to direct their mindset so that the students & academic of this region will not be lagged behind in the knowledge race of the 21st century.

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK

After a year of dismay the world is gearing up to normal life, so as we. The academic fraternity suffered the most in the year that gone, though taught us new lessons. Cotton has welcome more than fifty new members in last year, the new young and talented teachers. They are going to take the challenges, certainly, and put Cotton in a position of pride in world academic map in coming future. New infra structures are coming up to cater the needs. We (the authority) are keeping an eye on every nook and corners, devoting our best for a stronger and brighter Cotton.

Wishing all the best to everyone who feels Cotton in their hearts.



Prof Diganta Kr Das, Registrar



Dr Dhrubajyoti Das, Editor

EDITORIAL

The parameter of progress for a college is quite different from that of a university. Whereas a college has to showcase its strength and vitality primarily with its goals procured through teaching and learning; a university needs chiefly to lay priority on research pursuits in addition to teaching-learning practices. The onus of a university as an academic institution, in common consent, is to help augment promotion of innovative ideas derived from social ethos and aspirations for an enlightened and equitable society. Cotton University has now started striding well enough after passing through initial quandary owing to its transition from college to a university. When this prestigious college was upgraded to a university three years back, both speculations and apprehensions were rife among the people of Assam regarding sustenance of its glorious legacy. Presently such doubts and dilemmas are nearly being resolved with gradual headway towards accomplishment with its comprehensive objectives. Adding to the surge in the last two years nine new courses and programs are added to the mainstay of the University curriculum: Sociology (BA), Psychology (BA), Mass Communication and Journalism (BA & MA), Bodo (MA), Liberal Arts (BA), Lib & Information Science (PG), Law (PG), Women's Studies (MA), Programs for Sportspersons (BA). However few more courses are soon needed to be incorporated for comprehensive academic advancement in our newly-founded university. Presently 240 courses are available for UG and PG at University of Delhi. University College London offers 440 UG programs and 675 PG programs as per latest update. These examples may help us realizing the degree of challenge that we have to meet with to strike the target. It, of course, requires a collective effort from all quarters. In research the University has achieved considerable success with 348 research scholars pursuing PhD in different departments so far and 116 publications by faculty members featured in UGC-CARED journals in last two years. Moreover 43 Research Projects carried out by faculty members and funded by national and international agencies with a sanctioned amount of 8.2 crores are also in progress. Infrastructure is one basic requirement to help enhance overall academic growth and expansion of an institution. In this regard the academically vibrant campus of Cotton University has meanwhile witnessed erection of some esthetically designed useful buildings inside meant for Academic blocks, Administrative block, hostels and residences as well. Even the much awaited renovation and modernization of our adoring Kalaguru Bishnu Rabha Auditorium is on the verge of completion.



COTTON UNIVERSITY STARTS SWAYAM CHAPTER

Cotton University has been established as SWAYAM NPTEL Local Chapter (LC Id-3224). The credit transfer mechanism was implemented for the very first time in Cotton University in the July semester of 2020, whereby, an entire class of a particular semester enrolled in a MOOC in lieu of a particular paper previously offered by the University. Presently, as per the UGC (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM) Regulation, 2016, An institution can only allow up to 20% of the total courses being offered in a particular program in a Semester through the online learning courses provided through the SWAYAM platform.

The SPOC of the SWAYAM NPTEL Local chapter, Cotton University, Dr. Manas Jyoti Kakati appealed to all Departments for seamless integration of MOOCs in Cotton University. Overall, students from nine Departments of Cotton University enrolled themselves in MOOCs under the Credit transfer mechanism in the July 2020 semester. Many Departments performed exceedingly well and their students passed with flying colors. Special mention may be made of Departments of Political Science, History, Sociology, Botany, and EBWS & Chemistry. As recognition of our efforts, Cotton University SWAYAM-NPTEL Local Chapter has been awarded the 63rd position amongst the top 100 SWAYAM NPTEL Local Chapters in the country for Jan-July semesters of 2020.

CU UPLOADS ONLINE LECTURES FOR HS FINAL STUDENTS

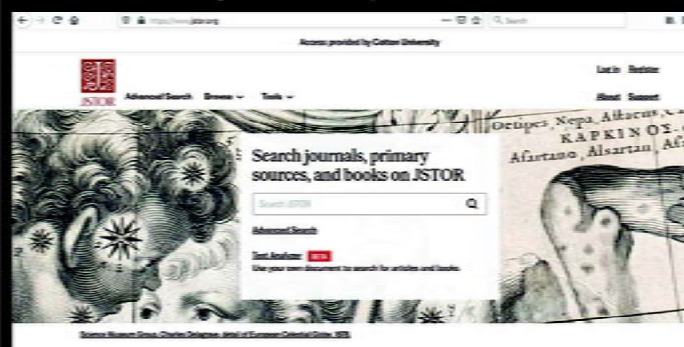


With a view to compensate with the loss of off-line classes for HS final year students during Corona virus pandemic, Cotton University initiated a series of online lectures prepared by the respective faculty members from the various departments on their allotted courses. The faculty members from 17 departments of Cotton University uploaded their lectures or e-resources for Arts and Science courses to feed the HS students who are sitting in their final examinations. This initiative has proven utmost help of the HS final year students who couldn't attend any of in-person classes owing to Covid 19 pandemic. Besides a good number of on-line lectures on HS Second Year Science courses prepared by experienced faculty members from across the state under Gol Diksha Portal have also been uploaded on the University website for students' access.

JSTOR ONLINE ACCESS

Dr SKB Library, Cotton University is offering JSTOR online resources as remote access to our faculty members, research scholars and our students. They can access from within campus and remotely too. 9584 numbers of users have hit and 7149 users have downloaded materials from JSTOR during January 2020 to February 2021.

Hereby all the faculty members, research scholars, students are asked to have maximum access to JSTOR online resources for academic and research benefits. The aspirants can avail the JSTOR link on calling to SKB Library.



COTTON UNIVERSITY-IIRS JOINTLY INITIATE OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The prime objective of Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) Outreach Program is to strengthen the Academia and User Segments in Space Technology & Its Applications using Online Learning Platforms. Under this program the two mode of content delivery system is developed using online learning platform viz. Live & Interactive mode (known as EDUSAT) and e-Learning mode (self-paced paid course). The programs viz. Remote Sensing, Geographical Information System, Global Navigation Satellite System and associated geospatial technologies may be availed through the internet without any cost to the user. The live and interactive sessions are conducted by experts from IIRS-ISRO and other knowledge Institutions. IIRS has successfully conducted 22 such courses so far with participation of over 120258+ participants from 1048+ academic institutions, government departments and industry. IIRS also conducts various theme oriented online courses every year and monthly webinars on recent topics on geospatial technologies and its applications. Cotton University is a network institute of IIRS outreach network which is engaged in providing this program to our students through IIRS e-learning portal. The students/ faculties can register for this course for free or at a nominal fee to IIRS and get a certificate under Cotton University. The participants have to register for a course at IIRS website <https://elearning.iirs.gov.in/> and email the coordinator with a forwarding letter from the head of the department to attend the online course. The programs include (i) Comprehensive certificate course on Remote Sensing and Geo-information Science- 4 Months duration. (self paid/ free) (ii) One month fundamental certificate courses (self paid/ free) on: Basics of Remote Sensing, Photogrammetry and Cartography, Geographical Information System and Global Navigation Satellite System, Digital Image Processing. (iii) Many other webinars and 7-10 days certificate courses (free).

CU INTRODUCES NEW COURSES

In this covid-19 pandemic situation, the academic fraternity of Cotton University have worked tirelessly to add 2 new departments, 1 center and 9 new academic programs to its academic feathers from 2020-21 academic season. University have started Department of Library and Information Science providing the degree of M.Lib.I.Sc., Department of Law providing degree of LL.M and Centre for Women's Study providing PG Diploma in Gender Studies. Dr Dipak Sarma, Professor, Department of Mathematics and Dr Santanu Chakrabarty, Professor, Department of Political Science have been appointed as HoD (i/c) of both the departments respectively while Dr Rakhee Kalita Moral from English Department is appointed HoD (i/c) for Centre for Women Studies. With these new departments the university have also started UG programs in the already existing Sociology and Psychology department from 2020-21 academic season. The PG program in the Department of Bodo and the Department of Mass Communication, Journalism and Media studies were already initiated from 2019-20 academic session.

Department of Bodo is providing the degree of MA in Bodo, while Department of Mass Communication, Journalism and Media studies is providing a full-fledged Master's degree in Mass communication and Journalism. Along with these courses, the university has been able to add two very unique programs to its academic bucket i.e. the BA is Liberal Arts program and BA for Sports Person. The BA in Liberal Arts program is a 3-year bachelor degree first of its kind in North East India, that is designed in line with the latest draft National Education Policy (2019) which emphasizes Liberal Arts as the futuristic substitute for monochromatic B.A. programmes existing in most higher education institute in India. B.A. for Sportsperson program is designed to give opportunity to meritorious sportspersons from the region (northeast) to continue higher education at Cotton University along with their sporting careers, that follows a mentorship model with enough flexibility, which will be conducted by the mentors with convenient scheduling of interactions with students.

SUPERANNUATED FROM CU

FACULTY MEMBERS



Dr Manoj Kr Talukdar
Economics



Banani Roy
Bangla



Dr Rita Choudhury
Political Science



Dr Karabi Saikia
Botany



CWS ORGANISES WEBINARS

(Contd. from page no. 1) Centre for Women's Studies, and Professor at Department of History, Hyderabad University, on 'Digital Divide, Gender and Covid 19'. Her lecture revolved around the ideas and understanding of the use of digital and new media technology during COVID-19. In her lecture she emphasised on how technology has become essentially a part of our work and educational lives during COVID 19. She also emphasised that the existing socio-economic, geographical and gender divide between different sections of people in the society had broadened extensively during this pandemic and not all people are able to procure equal access to the technology.

Prof. Rukmini Sen, Professor of Sociology, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi, was the speaker for day 3, July 24, 2020. She spoke on 'Home, Lockdown and Negotiations: Experiences and Silences'. Her lecture delved into questions and issues surrounding the domestic space of 'home' an important area of contestation, pre-dominantly in this time of COVID 19 crisis. She mentioned that the existential divide between the public and private spaces, and its accessibility for women has increasingly blurred during this time of coronavirus and lockdown. Her lecture seamlessly intertwined the past and present situations of women and the regional vulnerabilities citing different examples from literature, along with references to the national database on violence against women during this pandemic.

The concluding lecture was delivered on July 31, 2020 by Prof Geraldine Forbes, Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita in the Department of History and Program in Women's and Gender Studies, State University of New York, Oswego, USA. She spoke on the topic 'Researching Women's Lives: History and Photography in Colonial India (with a pandemic postscript)'. Using photography as a medium of tracing women's history from archives, Prof. Forbes lecture emphasized the different traits of human emotions captured in photography. Drawing a parallel between the experiences of women in colonial time to present day situation of COVID 19, she argued that people selectively choose to capture the happy memories, while the painful and traumatic experiences are silenced. Photography therefore became a method of both inclusion and exclusion of human experiences, their life stories and narratives.

The webinar was convened and coordinated by Dr. Rakhee Kalita Moral, Head, Centre for Women's studies, Cotton University. Dr Santanu Sarma, Coordinator of the IQAC, Cotton University was the Joint Coordinator of the programme. The technical support was provided by Assam College Librarian Association (ACLA), and drew hundreds of enthusiastic participants from their region and abroad to the webinar series.

NON-TEACHING STAFF



Kamal Kr Goswami



Kamal Ch Barman



Rajat Sarma

JULY

A webinar on 'How to Read Scientific Literature?' and 'Introduction to MANAV- The Human Atlas Initiative' was organised by the Department of Zoology in association with the Institute of Science Education and Research (ISER), Pune on July 6, 2020.

Ms Joyshree Buragohain was invited as a speaker to a webinar on 'Managing stress and anxiety of the students during Covid-19 pandemic' organised by the Department of Education on July 11, 2020.

A webinar on 'Naturenomics Programme on Balipara Foundation Its nature, vision, strategy and objectives' was organized by the Department of Botany on July 13, 2020 sponsored by Balipara Foundation, Assam, India.

A national webinar on 'Statistics and Social Science Research: Field Realities' was organised by the Department of Statistics on July 19, 2020.

Mr Ranjan K. Baruah was invited as a speaker to a webinar on 'Career Planning and Enhancing Employability Skills' organised by the Department of Education on July 22, 2020.

Aradhana Baruah, Counselling Psychologist and Dr. Anindita Deka, Assistant Professor, Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati, were invited to speak on 'Mental Health and Stress Management' and 'Career opportunities in Life Sciences' in a webinar organised by the Department of Zoology on July 26, 2020.

An international webinar on 'Teacher Education: Issues and concerns in the present scenario' was organised by the Department of Education on July 27, 2020.

A workshop on 'Proposal for installation and operation of accelerator technology in NE-Region (Collaboration of NE-Universities for CUPAC)' was organised by the Department of Physics on July 29, 2020.

An international webinar titled 'Population, Pandemic and the Economy – Local and Global Perspectives: (I) Indian and the World, (II) Assam and the North-east' was organized by the Department of Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences during July 30-31, 2020. Prof. Binod Khadria, JNU (Rtd.), Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, Cotton University, Prof. Margaret Walton Roberts, Geography and Environmental Studies Department, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Prof. Hiranya K. Nath of Sam Houston State University, USA, Dr. Amiya Sarma, Executive Director, RGVN and Mr. Pranabiyoti Nath, IAS, Labour Commissioner, Govt. of Kerala were the speakers of the webinar.

AUGUST

A two-day virtual international conference on 'Frontiers in Health Sciences' was organised by the Department of Zoology during August 7-8, 2020.

An international webinar on the theme 'Covid-19: Interdisciplinary Approach' was organised by the Department of Anthropology on August 10, 2020.

RJ Riyaass, Programming cum Content Head and RJ Sanchi, both from Radio Gup-Shup, were invited to an online programme titled 'Interaction with Media Professional' organised by the Department of Mass Communication, Journalism and Media Studies on August 19, 2020.

Prof. Santosh Kr. Shukla, Head & Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, was invited to deliver a talk on 'New Perspective of Sanskrit Studies' by the Department of Sanskrit on August 19, 2020.

Prof. Ravi. S. Singh, Department of Geography, Banaras Hindu University was invited to deliver the Foundation Day Lecture on 'Tryst of Indian Geography with Paradigm Shift: Some thoughts on Post Colonialism' by the Department of Geography on August 19, 2020.

An international virtual colloquium on 'Learning Overseas' was organised by the Department of Education on August 29, 2020.

SEPTEMBER

A short-term online course on 'Integrated Pest Management (IPM): Effective, Economical and Eco-friendly ways of keeping Insect Pests at Bay' was organised by the Department of Zoology, Cotton University under the aegis of IQAC and Department of Zoology, Hindu College, University of Delhi during September 26-28, 2020.



With a view to raise awareness against COVID-19 and awareness for maintenance and preservation of public property two street plays entitled 'Mohamari 2.0' and 'Dustbinor Dastabaz' were performed by PG 3rd Semester students of the Department of MCJ in the city on December 23 and December 24, 2020 respectively



Flood Relief Distribution and Extension Programme: The faculty members of the Department of Geography distributing flood reliefs during COVID-19 on July 19, 2020 at Disoi GP, Bokakhat

OCTOBER

A webinar on 'Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS) Technique' was organised by the Department of Chemistry on October 15, 2020.

DECEMBER

Dr Kuladhar Saikia, Former DGP, Assam, and Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, Cotton University was invited to deliver an online talk on 'Economics in the Time of Pandemic' by the Department of Economics on December 5, 2020.

A workshop on 'Information and Media Training' was organised by the Department of Anthropology in association with Turiya Foundation on December 7, 2020.

A webinar on 'Philosophical Perspectives on Nature, Science, and Education' was organised by the Department of Philosophy on December 21-22, 2020 sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research.

Rituparna Patgiri, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Indraprastha College, Delhi University was invited to deliver an online talk on 'Socio-political Dynamics of Food' by the Department of Sociology on December 23, 2020.



Vice Chancellor Prof BC Goswami releasing 'Jeevotkarsha', the wall magazine published on the occasion of National Science Day 2020 celebrated under the aegis of the Department of MBBT

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Alaka Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, presented a paper titled 'Infant Mortality Rate: An Indicator of Health Status' in the International Conference on 'Recent Trend in Theoretical and Applied Statistics' organised by the Department of Statistics, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh under UGC, SAP (DRS-II), Government of India during September 18-20, 2020.

Dr Dhrubajyoti Das, Associate Professor, Department of English, presented a paper titled 'Diasporic Sensibilities in Rita Choudhury's Novel 'Makam'' in the International Conference on 'Asian Diasporic Literature: Past, Present and Future' organised by School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia held on July 29-30, 2020.

Dr Dimpy Mahanta, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, presented a paper titled 'Workplace Well-being in Older Adult' in the international webinar on 'Pandemics: Do they Change How We Address Age & Ageing' organised by the Centre for Social Change: CSC India on October 1, 2020; [2] Presented a paper titled 'Understanding Stress and Enhancing Psychological Well-being in Post Covid Era' in a national webinar organised by the Department of Psychology, Nirmala College, Ranchi University on July 17, 2020; [3] Presented a paper titled 'Types of Sampling Quantitative vs Qualitative Research' in a 7-day international workshop on Research Methodology & Applied Statistics Using SPSS organised by the Rajiv Gandhi Night College of Art and Commerce during July 22-28, 2020; [4] Presented a paper titled 'Necessity of Positive Psychological Approach to Others' in a two-day international workshop organised by the Professional Institute of Business, Bangladesh during August 8-9, 2020; [5] Presented a paper titled 'Emerging Understanding of Emotional Intelligence of Teenagers' in a international webinar organised by the Professional Institute of Business, Bangladesh on August 30, 2020.

Dr Hemanta Barman, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, presented a paper titled 'COVID19 Pandemic: Regional Differences across States in India' (jointly) in an international webinar organised by Amguri College, Sibsagar on August 10, 2020.

Himanish Shekhar Das, Assistant Professor, Department of CS&IT, presented a paper titled 'Detection of Parkinson's disease from hand-drawn images using Machine Learning algorithms' in the 3rd International Conference on Soft Computing and Signal Processing (ICSCSP) organised by Malla Reddy College of Engineering & Technology (MRCET), Hyderabad, Telangana during August 21-22, 2020; [2] Presented a paper titled 'Impact of visual representation of audio signals for Indian language identification' in the 25th International Symposium on Frontiers of Research in Speech and Music (FRSM) organised by NIT Silchar, Assam during October 8-9, 2020.

Dr Hrishikesh Upadhyaya, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, made a poster presentation titled 'Nano Zinc modulated growth, ROS, antioxidant responses and ZIP gene expression during water stress in rice' (jointly) in the International Plant Physiology Virtual Conference (IPPV 2020) conducted by ISPP, New Delhi during December 6-7, 2020.

Dr Jonali Devi, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, presented a paper titled 'Traditional Knowledge: The Intangible Cultural Heritage of north East India' in the International conference on 'North East India: a Cross Road of Asian Civilization' organised by Directorate of Archaeology and Heritage Society, Patna (Archaeological Exploration and Excavation Department) on November 19-25, 2020.

Dr Kusum Kunja Malakar, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, presented a paper titled 'Hindi Sahityatitahs ke Adhayan ki Samsayen' in a national webinar on June 12, 2020; [2] Presented a paper titled 'Vaishavik Bhasao ke Paripekshya me Anuvad ki Prasangikta' in an international webinar on July 9, 2020.

Dr Mala Dutta, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, presented a paper titled 'A Comparative Study of Academic Functioning of Private and Govt Higher Secondary Institutes in Naduar Block, Sonitpur District, Assam during COVID19 Pandemic Lockdown' in the international web conference on 'COVID19 Pandemic from the Eyes of Geography: Global, National and Regional Perspectives' organised by the Department of Geography, Gauhati University in collaboration with Commonwealth Geographical Bureau during September 11-12, 2020.

Dr Narayan Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences, presented a paper titled 'Forest or monoculture: A study of deforestation in Goalpara district of Assam' (jointly) at the 11th Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS), Bengaluru, India held on November 9, 2020.

Dr Neeta Baglari, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, presented a paper titled 'An Analysis on Education in Remote Areas' in an international webinar during August 10-11, 2020.

Dr Nurjahan Rahmatullah, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, presented a paper titled 'Hindi Sahitya Ka Badlta Swarup' in an international webinar organised by the Poona College of Arts, Science and Commerce on September 27, 2020.

CU CONDUCTED FINAL-YEAR UG AND PG ONLINE EXAMINATIONS

Cotton University has become one of the very few institutions in the north-eastern region to conduct the sixth-semester and fourth-semester examinations of the undergraduate and postgraduate courses respectively, as mandated by the University Grants Commission. Owing to the Covid-19, Cotton University had successfully conducted the final-year undergraduate and postgraduate open book examinations in an online mode, even as the educational institution campuses remained closed for students in Assam. The undergraduate and postgraduate final-year examinations were commenced in CU from August 18 and September 23 respectively in an online mode. The question papers were uploaded in the students' portal of the university website at the scheduled start time of examination. Students were required to log into their respective accounts in the student portal using their enrolment numbers and passwords to download the question papers. A total of three hours - two hours for writing and one hour for IT-related work - was allotted for submission of the scanned copies of answer scripts in the link provided in the portal. To ensure flexibility of submission, answer scripts were also accepted through official departmental email ids. The students were also instructed to preserve the answer scripts along with an undertaking and declaration from guardians or parents in a sealed envelope which was to be submitted to the varsity once it reopened for students. The initiative, first its kind in CU, had been successful due to the constant support from the Controller's office, Computer Centre, faculty members and other staff.

COTTON PLACED NIRF RANK-BAND 151/200

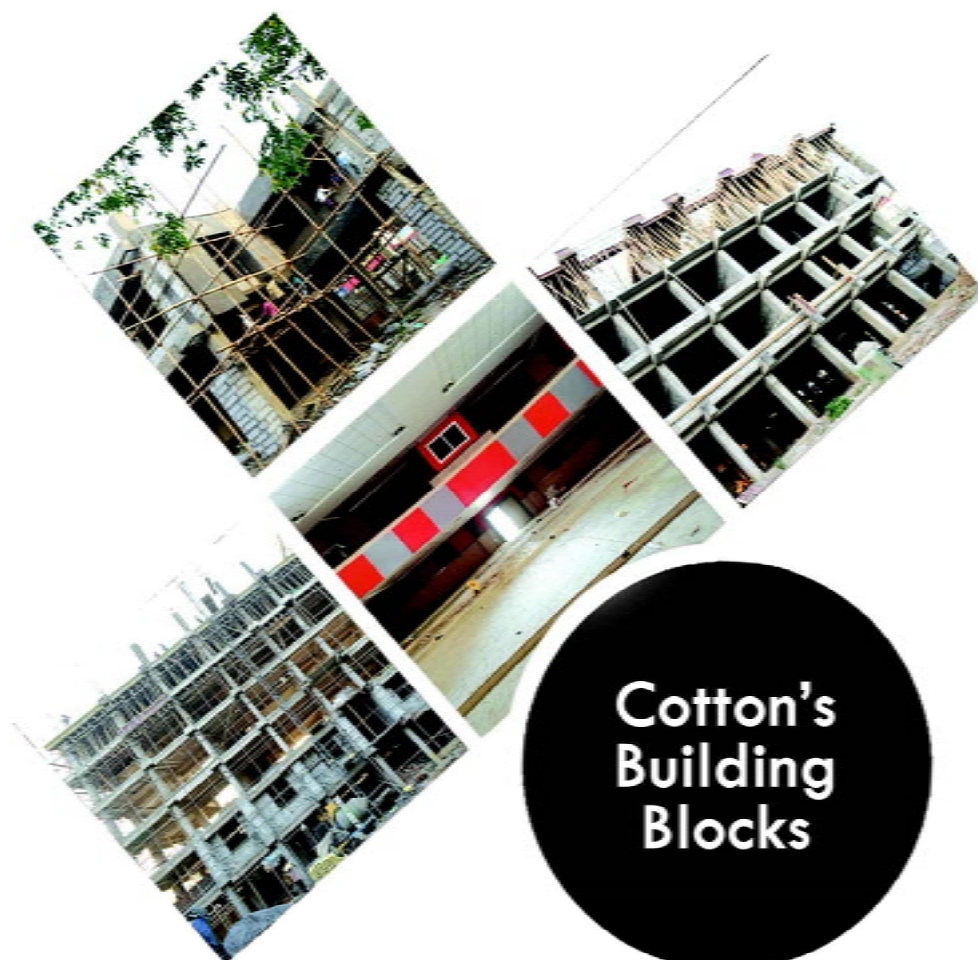


Cotton University participated in the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) India Ranking 2020 and placed in the Rank-band 151/200. University is again participating in the NIRF India Ranking 2021 for which the result is awaited.

Faculty Name	Invited Talk / Resource Person / Designation	Date	Venue/Organisation
Abu Bakkar Siddique, Arabic, Persian and Urdu	Covid19: Impact on Health & Education	Aug 9	Bhawanipur Anchalik College
Ambeswar Gogoi, Assamese	Asomiya E-Sahitya	Aug 2	Laluk College, Lakhimpur
	Eka Bingsha Satikar Pratham Duta Dashakar Asomiya Upanyashar Gati-Prakiti	Aug 23	Dhemaji Commerce College
Anjana Singha Naorem, Zoology	EPG as a tool to Monitor Insect Feeding: A Technological Breakthrough Pest control methods: use of endocrine Disruptors (IGRs)	Oct 3	Hindu College, University of Delhi
		Oct 17	Hindu College, University of Delhi
Angita Sarmah Boruah, Education	Educational Philosophy of Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan	Sept 5	Bahona College, Jorhat
Bornali Sharma, History	as moderator in the Panel discussion on the book 'The Unquite River- A Biography of the Brahmaputra'	Dec 5	Social Science Research Community, India
Basanta Kumar Rajbongshi, Chemistry	How to prepare for National Eligibility Test (NET) Examination	Nov 3-6	ADBU, Assam
	Chromeno [2,3-b] indoles as ultra-high Stokes shift luminescent materials	Dec 15-16	CIT, Kokrajhar
Biswajit Brahma, Bodo	Bodo Literature in the age of Globalization	Oct 20	AIR, Guwahati
Deepjyoti Kalita, LISc	Career Opportunities and Challenges: An orientation program for graduate students	Aug 23	SPP College, Sivasagar
	Scientometric Indicators & Academic Excellence	Oct 31	Chemistry Teachers Research Convention, 2020
	Future of Assamese Literature and Society	Dec 27	Asom Sahitya Sabha
Dhrubajyoti Das, English	Nominated as a Guest Referee of a peer-reviewed international UGC-CARE listed journal, Rock Pebbles, Odisha, ISSN 0975-0509	Sep 1	Odisha
	Nominated as Senior Editor of an international double blind peer-reviewed journal, 'Annual International Journal on Analysis of Contemporary Legal Affairs'(AIJCLA)	Aug 1	Aequitas Victoria Foundation, Bihar, India
	Engaged as Senior Editor of Rupantar- The Destiny for Revolution, an e-magazine on culture and literature	Aug 1	Aequitas Victoria Foundation, Bihar, India
	Invited to speak on the Life and Works of Dr Bhupen Hazarika in a Grand National Online Cultural Event as a tribute to Dr Bhupen Hazarika	Nov 5	Aequitas Victoria Foundation, CU Nabeen, NLU, Assam and Youths Mind
Dibyajyoti Bora, Statistics	Statistical Analysis Using SPSS	Dec 14-18	SCERT
Dilip Gogoi, Political Science	Debordering Borderland- Sub state, Region, Interstate Interactions and North East India	Sept 9	HRDC, Gauhati University
Dimpy Mahanta, Psychology	Work Life Balance	Jul 13	SIMS, Bangladesh
	Strategies to cope with stress and depression during COVID19 pandemic	Jul 26	Rotary Club of Kanpur 'Shaurya'
	How to Cope with Mental Stress during COVID19 Pandemic?	Aug 10	Hansraj College, University of Delhi
	Teachers: Leading in Crisis, Rebuilding the Future	Sept 5	CSC India
	Ways to Build Resilience for a Stronger You	Oct 21	Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi
Gautam Mazumdar, Economics	11 th BhabanandaDeka Memorial Lecture	Dec29	Pragjyotish College, Guwahati
Hemanta Barman, Economics	online interactive session with students	Aug 25	Amguri College, Sibsagar
Hemanta Mochahary, Bodo	Our role and responsibilities to keep alive Bodo Culture	Dec22	AIR, Guwahati
Indrani Sarma, Sociology	Research Priorities in Assam	Nov21	Sanskriti- NEICR
	In Honour of late Chief Minister of Assam- Shri Tarun Gogoi	Dec 1	Sanskriti- NEICR

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Kalyan Das, Geography	Economic Exclusion of a Working Community: Examining Ways out to Break Negative Continuum in the Tea Community of Assam	Aug 28	Kaziranga University
	Smallholding Farm and Homestead Economy: How do we Visualise the Rural Economy in Contemporary Context	Aug 29	B.P. Chaliha College, Nagarbera
	Decent Work and Fair Living Conditions in Tea Plantations of Assam: Is Wage the Prime Determinant?	Oct 16	Oxfam India
Kangkana Bora, CS&IT	AI and Computer Vision in Healthcare	Dec 18-20	Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala
Maishnam Rustam Singh, Anthropology	Anthropology in Day to Day Life	Jul15	Doordarshan Kendra, Imphal
Jonali Devi, Anthropology	Mesolithic in India: Ecology and Culture	Aug 1-4	Pragiyotish College, Guwahati
	Intangible Cultural Heritage and Resource Management	Aug 23-27	INTACH, Kamrup Chapter & Punaram Gogoi Memorial Museum, CKB College, Teok
	International webinar on 'Heritage Laws and Policies of South Asian countries'	Sep 22	M.C. College, Barpeta
Mala Dutta, Geography	Conceptualizing Gender Perspectives in Geography: Origin and Discourse	Jul 23	Sonapur College, Guwahati
Manjil Hazarika, Archaeology	Archaeology and the reconstruction of History	Oct 5-18	UGC-HRDC, Gauhati University
	Architecture and Sculpture' and 'Heritage Management and Conservation in School Syllabus'	Oct 26-30	CCRT), Guwahati
	Archaeology as a Source of History: Perspectives from Northeast India	Nov 2-6	Rajib Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh
	Archaeological Importance of Northeast India	Dec 12	Madhya Kamrup College, Barpeta
Manjit K. Bhattacharyya, Chemistry	National seminar on 'Science for Sustainable Development 2020' (Chairperson)	Sep 25-26	B. Borooah College
Muktikam Hazarika & Sayanika Dutta, MCJ & Media Studies	How should students deal with Fake news v/s Genuine news in times of Corona	Jul 6	PIB, Guwahati.
Narayan Sharma, EBWS	Nominated as one of the Advisory Committee Members of Assam State Biodiversity Board, Govt. of Assam and nominated as one of the members of State Level Peoples' Biodiversity Register (PBR) by Assam State Biodiversity Board, Government of Assam	Sep 17	Govt. of Assam
	'Are world heritage and biodiversity answers to global humanitarian crisis?'	Jul 28	INTACH Kamrup Chapter and Bijni College, Bijni, Assam
	The Past, Present and Future of Primates in Upper Brahmaputra Valley, northeastern India	Aug 19	Ambedkar University, New Delhi
	Primates, forests, people and economy of Upper Assam: Is long-term co-existence possible?	Sep 18	NIAS, Bengaluru
	Human-Wildlife Interactions	Oct 6	Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
Nurjahan Rahmatullah, Hindi	Purbattar Bharat Ke Janajatiyo Ki Barshakalin Utsav	Aug 28-30	Rashtriya Seva Yojna Ekaie Dwara Ayojit Mahatma Gandhi Valika Vidyalaya, Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh
Paran Goswami, Philosophy	The Need of Philosophy	Nov19	Handique Girls' College, Guwahati
Purabi Deka Bose, MBBT	Steps towards Research: With the perspective of Biological Science	Jul 24	ADTU, Guwahati,
	Research Methodology-Resilience for Good Research		ADTU, Guwahati
Rakhee Kalita Moral English	Speaking from the Hills: Feminist Spaces, Oralities and Narratives	Jul 24	St Teresa's College, Kochi, Ernakulum
	Plagues, Pandemic and Literature (Keynote talk)	Aug 3	D K College, Mirza
	Marginalities and Women during Covid	Aug 25-27	Indian Association of Women's Studies

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Rakhee Kalita Moral English	Gendered Spaces: Writing Land and Women	Sept 1	Tinsukia College
	Thoughts on Historical Fiction : Nation, Society and Women	October 9	HRDC , Gauhati University
Ritika Sahu, Archaeology	Narratives of Gender, Death and Social Media in times of Covid	Aug 25-26	VIT, Tamil Nadu
	Past memories, present identities: A case of the Ahoms of Assam	Nov 5-6	University of Gdansk, Poland
Samikshya Gohain, Philosophy	Pre-Socratic Philosophy	Sept 25	St. John College, Nagaland
Santanu Sarma Geology	Land and water resource Development using Geo-spatial Technologies	July 09-10	National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR)
Simashree Bora, Sociology	The Mighty Brahmaputra River – its People, History and Culture	Sept12	UN's Women's Association
	Life amidst Brahmaputra: Ecology, Landscape and Precarity in Majuli	Sept 27	Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi
	Should the state have an interest in marriage	October 23	Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai
Tarali Pathak,, Education	Accessibility to Digital Literacy- Opportunities and challenges during Covid-19 Pandemic	July 17	Anundoram Barooah Academy Degree College, Pathsala
Teresa L. Khawzawl, Anthropology	Women, Work and Leisure	Nov3	Modern College, Kohima, Nagaland
Tiluttoma Baruah, Anthropology	Socio-Cultural Aspects of Tai-Khamyang of Assam	Dec15	IGNCA-NERC
Ujjal Deka Baruah , Geography	UAV and its application in spatial analysis GIS and Remote Sensing application	July 29	Pragjyotish College, Guwahati
Upala Barua, Anthropology	My Fieldwork Experiences from North East India	August 3-9	Dibrugarh University
	Research Methodology in Humanities & Social Sciences: A View from Anthropology	Aug 24-26	Arya Vidyapeeth College



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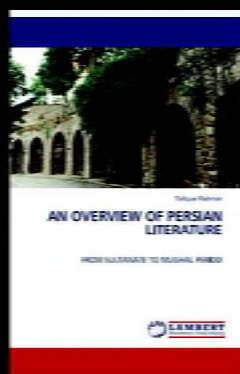
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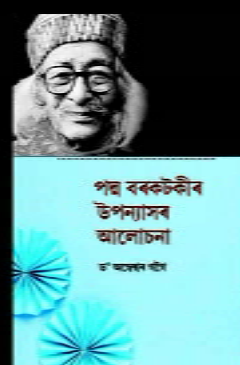
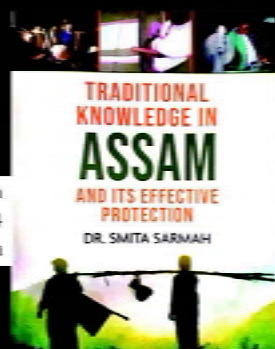
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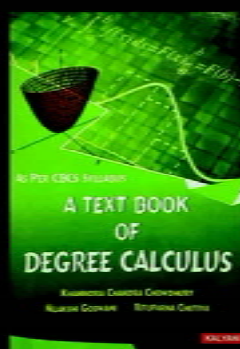
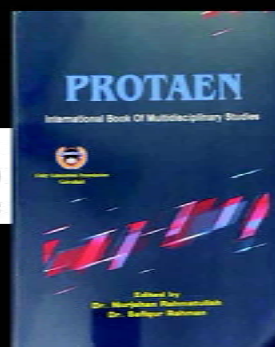
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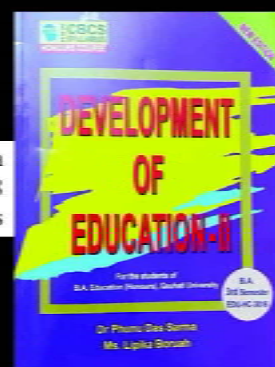
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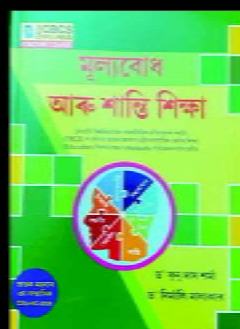


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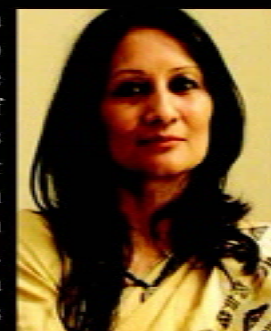
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HALL OF FAME

Prof BN Goswami, Head, Centre for Clouds and Climate Research, Cotton University has been placed among top 2% scientists of the world and 01 rank in India (World Top %0. 6152166) in the field of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science by Stanford University, USA. Also he and his group published a paper 'Indian Monsoon derailed by a North Atlantic Wavetrain' in prestigious International journal 'Science'.



Dr Rakhee Kalita Moral Associate Professor, Department of English, has been awarded the Hamsa Prerna Saahas Award 2020 to celebrate a leader whose active engagement and ownership of gender justice on campus has brought resonance and greater impetus to gender equity in higher education institutions in the northeast of the country. Her effort at establishing a Centre for Women's Studies exemplifies the multi-disciplinarity and inclusive spirit of academic growth and vibrant research she has inspired at Cotton University.



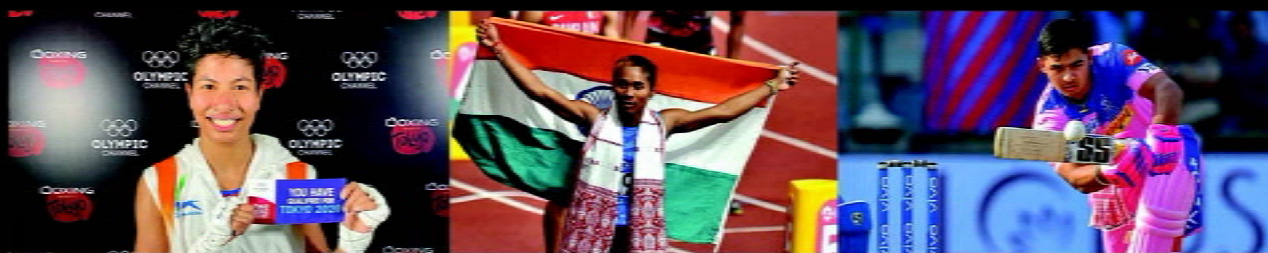
CU NABEEN ORGANISES ONLINE QUIZ

A national level on-line quiz competition was organized by Cotton University New Writers' and Artists' Association, aka Nabeen on the occasion of its 29th Foundation Day on the topic of 'Literature and Culture of Assam'. Held in different phases in the month of September- October, the competition was kickstarted with the welcome addresses by former president Dr Manju Devi Pegu, present president Dr Dhrubajyoti Das and founder secretary Suresh Ranjan Goduka. Altogether 195 competitors from across the country participated in the preliminary round through zoom app. After four rounds six from the total participants got selected for the final round and four from the finalists had been able to win the prizes. The first prize was won by Prabal Kalita (Maranhat), the second prize was won by Barnil Medhi (Guwahati) and the third prize was won jointly by Dhrubajyoti Barman (Nalbari) and Prince Gogoi (Pulibar).



COTTON LAUNCHES BA PROGRAMME FOR SPORTSPERSONS

LOVLINA, HIMA, RIYAN ENROLLED AS STUDENTS



Cotton University successfully flagged off the BA Programme for Sportspersons, the first-of-its-kind programme in the region, on December 29, 2020. A brainchild of Vice Chancellor Prof. Bhabesh Ch. Goswami, this general Bachelor's Degree programme envisages offering the much-needed flexibility to outstanding sportspersons of the region to pursue their studies along with their sporting careers. A total of 9 students which includes Arjuna Awardees Lovlina Borgohain and Hima Das, cricketer Riyan Parag and six others - Shivangi Sarma, Anyatam Rajkumar, Suzen Buragohain, Orijit Chaliha, Raktim Mohan and Ashmita Chaliha - have enrolled in the course. "Under this course, meritorious sportspersons from the region will be able to continue higher education at Cotton University along with their sporting careers. It will follow a mentorship model with enough flexibility which will be conducted by the mentors with convenient scheduling of interactions with students," said Vice Chancellor Prof Bhabesh Ch. Goswami. "Designed as a general bachelor's degree programme, the course holistically attempts to cater to the needs of a sportsperson. With flexibility being the key, it has been designed in a way that would later enable a student to pursue a master's degree in any of the desired subjects opted as a special paper during the under-graduate programme," said Academic Registrar of the Varsity Dr Sanjay Dutta. The course will comprise 120 total credits with 20 credits each spanning over 6 semesters. The minimum duration of the programme is 3 years. However, an enrolled student will have the flexibility to stretch his or her studies up to 6 years for successful completion of the course. Assistant Professor of the Department of Mass Communication, Journalism and Media Studies Dr Sayanika Dutta is the coordinator of the programme.

Kishore Sutradhar, an ex-Cottonian cracked successfully UPSC examination on his first attempt in 2020 marking 784 rank in all India level. A manager general in Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Northeastern region, presently posted at Dimapur, Nagaland, he is originally hailed from Abhayapuri of Bongaigaon district. A Bachelor of Engineering(2013) Kishore had done HS from Cotton College in 2007 with science. Cotton fraternity convey hearty congratulations to the alumnus on his grand success.



Abhijit Bora, Research Scholar, Department of Assamese, Cotton University has bagged the 'Munin Barkotoki Literary Award 2020' for his manuscript titled 'Deuka Kobai Jay'. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- along with a citation and a plaque.



Satabdi Dutta, Research Scholar, Department of English joined as a lady Deputy Marshal in Assam Legislative Assembly. This is the first time that a lady Deputy Marshal is appointed to Assam Legislative Assembly. Appointment to this post is made from NCC background with C Certificate apart from graduation as basic educational qualification. An ex-student of Cotton University Satabdi was a part of the Republic Day contingent, New Delhi in the year 2013 and received the 'Bir Chilarai Award' from the then CM of Assam Late Tarun Gogoi sir on 15th August 2013. Apart from that She was recommended for Indian Army Short Service Commission Officer's entry in the year 2016.

Rumi Sarma (PG 3rd Semester, Department of Archaeology) won the 1st prize (Group B) in the All Assam Essay Writing Competition on 'COVID19 vs. Museums – Aspect and Perspectives' organised by the District Museum of Jorhat on September 6, 2020.

Jintu Thakuria (UG 6th Semester, Department of Education) authored an Assamese short story book titled Sabir Bhram, Bhramar Sabi published by Panchajanya Books; He received the honour of 'Lekhak Sambardhana 2020' by the Assam Government under the 'Asom Bhasa Gaurav Scheme'.

Priyam D. Jyotshna (UG 2nd Semester, Department of History) won the 2nd position in the All Assam Article Competition organised by the Golaghat District Sahitya Sabha in November 2020; Won the 1st prize in a story writing competition organised by the All Assam Lekhika Samaroh Samitee on December 25, 2020.

Epahi Barua (UG 5th Semester, Department of History) won the 1st prize in the State Level Online Essay Competition organised by All India Democratic Students' Organization (AIDSO) on September 20, 2020.

Jajna Pratim Saikia (UG 5th Semester, Department of Statistics) and Tridib Bhagabati (UG 5th Semester, Department of Political Science) won the 'Best Debating Team' award in the Swahid Memorial All Assam Debate Competition held in the 17th AASU General Meeting at Duliajan held on November 22, 2020.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

WEBINARS HELD UNDER IQAC

In the prevailing situation of covid-19 pandemic, the IQAC, Cotton University dedicated itself in boosting the academic spirit of the Cotton Community by arranging a series of webinars, collaborating with various departments of the university along with various other organizations of the state. The activity began on 12th July, with an International Webinar on "Gendered Sites, Everyday Lives" in collaboration with the Centre for Women Studies of Cotton University. For better awareness about electronic information resource usage, IQAC conducted a webinar on "Use of Online E-Resources" on 13th July. "Statistics and Social Science Research: Field Realities" was another webinar that was conducted on 19th July, in collaboration with Dept of Statistics of CU along with Assam College Librarians Association. On 30-31 July, IQAC took another initiative collaborating with Economics Dept of the University for an International webinar on "Population, Pandemic and the Economy-Local and Global Perspectives: I. India and the World, II. Assam". "Covid 19 Multidisciplinary Approach" was also one such international webinar conducted by IQAC with Anthropology Department on 10th of August 2020. The webinar activities of IQAC were very participative and was one of the very popular events amongst the academia during the pandemic situation.

WEBINARS HELD UNDER UBA

1. Organised a national webinar on "All about Snakes: Identification, Conservation, First-Aid Measures, Myths and Beliefs", jointly with the Department of Environmental Biology and Wildlife Science (EBWS), Cotton University on September 12, 2020. An expert on the topic and an ardent lover of snakes, Rajib Rudra Tantiang, Head of the Department of Zoology, Digboi College, was the esteemed Resource Person.
2. Organised a webinar on "National Education Policy- 2020 with special reference to Community Engagement and Social Responsibility" for the teachers and students of Cotton University and the five villages adopted by the University under the UBA program viz, Hajongbori, Nijpanbari, Keotpara, Kalitapara and Satargaon, on September 23, 2020. The Resource Persons in the said program were Prof Rajib Handique, Head, Department of History, Guwahati University and Dr Sangeeta Borthakur, Associate Professor, Statistics and Coordinator, UBA Cell, Cotton University.



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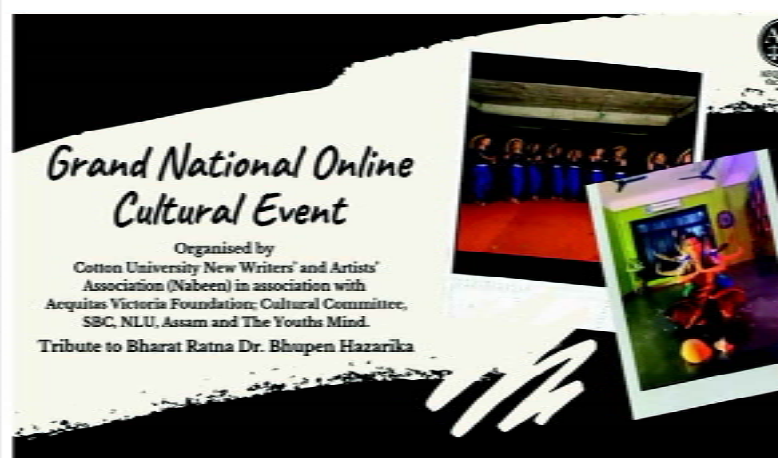
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GRAND NATIONAL ONLINE CULTURAL EVENT AS A TRIBUTE TO THE LEGEND DR. BHUPEN HAZARIKA



A national online cultural event was organised by Cotton University New Writers' and Artists' Association (NABEEN), Rupantar- the Destiny For Revolution under the banner of Aequitas Victoria Foundation, Cultural Committee Students Bar Council NLU Assam and Youths Mind on the occasion of the death anniversary of Dr Bhupen Hazarika at the platform of YouTube. It was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Shreevats Sanjay, Deputy Director General/Regional Director Ministry of Tourism Govt. of India, who delivered an overwhelming speech on the contributions of the Legend Bhupen Da and congratulated the organizers for such a kind initiative. His speech was followed by other eminent dignitaries from various fields of culture and academics including International Artists, Doordarshan Artists who shared their vital experiences regarding the personality, lifestyle, visions, and contributions of Dr Bhupen Hazarika.

The event then shifted towards the cultural ceremony which began with Assamese Satriya Dance and the list of programs included a total of 27 items on classical, semi-classical, modern, rock, poetry, and various other music and dance performances from across India based on the theme of Dr Bhupen Hazarika. In the event the results of previously held two National Level Competitions under the banner of Annual International Journal on Analysis of Contemporary Legal Affairs (AIJACLA) and Rupantar- the Destiny for Revolution (e-magazine) were also announced by various dignitaries representing all the organizations organizing the event, where Prof. (Dr) M.K. Bhandari and Dr. Bimal Kumar Baishya represented the Aequitas Victoria Foundation, Dr. Dhrubajyoti Das represented the NABEEN (Cotton University), Jyotiranga Nath represented the Cultural Committee Students Bar Council NLU Assam, and Bishaldeep Kakati represented the Youths Mind. The Founder and Co-founder of Aequitas Victoria Foundation, Jayanta Boruah and Sarthak Aryan respectively introduced the audience to the need and importance of organizing such events in contemporary society. The event was hosted by Gunjan Agarwal from Nowgong Law College and Basuri Poddar from National Law University Assam. Finally, the meeting was concluded by Nargis Choudhury, Lecturer Apex Professional University, Arunachal Pradesh with a vote of thanks. The event can be reached on Youtube—

<https://youtu.be/CmU4IG2z4Pw>